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SUMMARY: CANADA AND THE PRC CONCLUDED THEIR FIRST TRADE
AGREEMENT AND AGREEMENTS COVERING SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL
EXCHANGES DURING PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU'S VISIT TO PEKING.
THE TRADE AGREEMENT REPORTEDLY PROVIDES FOR LONG TERM
COMMERICAL AGREEMENTS, MFN, AND A JOINT COMMITTEE TO FACIL-
ITATE TRADE END SUMMARY

1. CANADA AND THE PRC CONCLUDED A TRADE AGREEMENT AND
AGREEMENTS ON SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES DURING
PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU'S VISIT TO PEKING FROM OCTOBER 10 TO
13. ON OCTOBER 12, TRUDEAU AND PRC PREMEIR CHOU EN-LAI
SIGNED THE TWO COUNTRIES FIRST TRADE AGREEMENT WHICH
TRUDEAU LATER SAID WOULD PROVIDE A "FRAMEWORK FOR TRADE
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DEVELOPMENT OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS"(NCNA). NEGO-

TIATIONS ON THE AGREEMENT WERE BEGUN PRIOR TO THE PM'S ARRIVAL BY A TEAM OF GOC OFFICIALS WHO LEFT OTTAWA FOR PEKING ON OCTOBER 3 (OTTAWA 2289, 2371).

2. IN A REFERENCE TO PERHAPS THE TRADE AGREEMENT'S MOST IMPORTANT PROVISION, TRUDEAU TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE THAT BOTH GOVERNMENTS HAD AGREED TO "FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF LONG TERM COMMERICAL ARRANGEMENTS" (NCNA OCTOBER 13). ACCORDING TO A HK CANADIAN COMMISSION SOURCE, THE CHINESE REQUESTED THAT DISCUSSIONS BE HELD "QUICKLY" ON AGREEMENTS COVERING ALUMINUM AND WOOD PULP. THE CANADIANS ALSO REQUESTED TALKS CONCERNING POTASH, SULPHUR AND NICKEL, BUT THE CHINESE WOULD ONLY AGREE THAT THESE COULD TAKE PLACE AT SOME FUTURE DATE. THE PACT ALSO REPORTEDLY PROVIDES FOR MFN AND A JOINT TRADE COMMITTEE WHICH WILL HOLD ANNUAL MEETINGS (HK STANDARD, OCTOBER 14).

3. IN THE CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC FIELD, TRUDEAU TOLD THE PRESS THAT AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED ON THE EXCHANGE OF MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC STUDY GROUPS. CHINESE SCIENTIFIC DELEGATIONS IN THE FIELDS OF LASER RESEARCH, COAL MINING BY OPEN CAST METHOD, SEISMOLOGY, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY WILL BE EXCHANGED FOR CANADIAN METEROLOGY, FISHERIES, FORESTRY AND PEST CONTROL AND COAL MINING DELEGATIONS. THOUGH FORMALIZED BY TRUDEAU, THESE AGREEMENTS WERE NEGOTIATED DURING THE VISIT OF A 14-MEMBER SCIENTIFIC GROUP LED BY CANADIAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MINISTER MRS JEANNE SAUVE THAT DEPARTED CHINA ON OCTOBER 4 (REFTEL). TRUDEAU STATED THAT AGREEMENT WAS ALSO REACHED "IN PRINCIPLE" ON AN EXCHANGE OF CULTURAL EXHIBITIONS AND VISITS BY CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL AND SPORTS GROUPS(NCNA).
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